

PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

College Graduates. Community Leaders. Cultural Ambassadors.

Apply Today to be a Recess Facilitator at Peterson!

Peterson is looking for a committed, passionate, recess facilitator to be a part of the committed, passionate Urban Initiatives Peterson Team. To apply, please go to <http://www.urbaninitiatives.org/who-we-are/>

Picture Day

Picture day is next week! Please add the following dates to your calendar:

- **Pre-K through 4th Grade:**
Wednesday January 24, 2018
- **5th through 8th Grade:**
Thursday, January 25, 2018

We are also in need of parent volunteers for both 1/24 and 1/25 to help facilitate the picture taking process. Please contact Ms. Yalil Nieves if you are interested at ynieves4@cps.edu

Winter Wear

In order to keep kids safe, and to keep kids' feet dry, please be aware that only children wearing boots will be allowed to play on the field when it is snow covered or wet. Those students not wearing boots are invited to walk the track surrounding the field and/or participate in games on the plaza. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Twitter: @MGPPPrincipal

Good evening Peterson Parents,

I hope you've all had a great week! This week I'd like to continue our ongoing "People of Peterson" series with the remaining members of our Local School Council.

Fady Sharshar - Parent Representative

I am a father of 3 children; 2 are Peterson Alumni and 1 is currently a student. My wife Lana and I are both active volunteers at Peterson. I have been a volunteer for the Local School Council for 4 years. I joined the LSC to support the good work that Peterson is doing for the children in our community.



Kim Schiller - Parent Representative

I am the proud parent of current, (Tobin, 7th) and former (Lena, 9th) Peterson students. My husband and I both attended Peterson School for some of our elementary school. I wanted to be a part of the LSC so that I had an opportunity to give to Peterson what it gave to me, a place to learn, rich curriculum, teachers who deeply care for students and respect each other. Peterson is a community and I am proud to serve the community in this way. Thank you to the community for your trust.

Aaron Olson - Parent Representative

I'm the father of Grace who is in the sixth grade at Peterson. I was born in the North Park neighborhood and have lived here for most of the last twenty-five years. I joined the LSC to support our fantastic staff and teachers and to do everything I can to make sure we maintain our focus on providing all kids with a quality education and strong community.

Tom Ruby - Teacher Representative

I'm a returning member of the LSC and I enjoy the opportunity to engage in all aspects of our learning community. It's fun to see through the eyes of different aspects of our Peterson family. I love the challenge of finding innovative ways to help our students give rise to their efforts of becoming college graduates, community leaders and cultural ambassadors.



Brian Bochenek - Teacher Representative

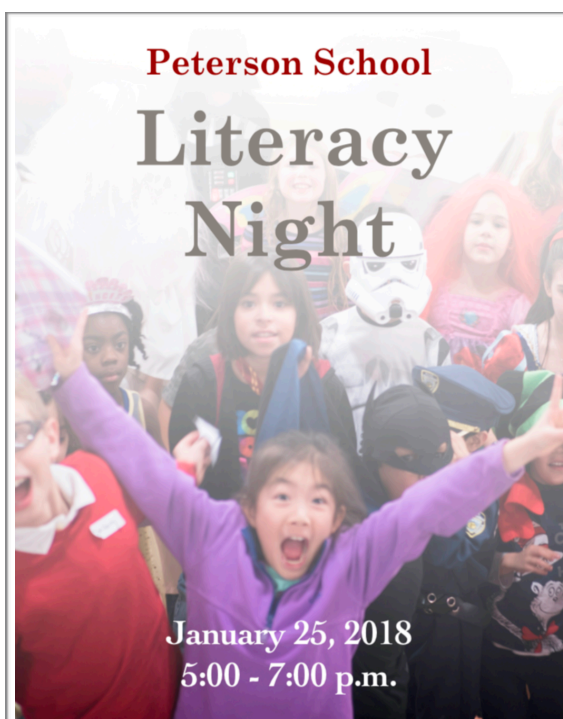
I had never seen myself involved in local government prior to joining the extraordinary team at Peterson. The daunting tasks facing our city have always seemed so overwhelming; I felt my voice would never be able to affect change outside of the classroom. Once I began teaching, it became quickly apparent that the collective efforts of our learning community could extend into the our neighborhoods as well. As a lifelong learner, the enthusiasm for strengthening our community and the opportunity to collaborate with a forward thinking group of individuals was too much to pass by. I'm incredibly thankful for the opportunity to be a part of this motivated group of individuals dedicated to Peterson.

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COLLEGE GRADUATES
COMMUNITY LEADERS
CULTURAL AMBASSADORS

Mark your Calendar

- Parent Tea -- Thursdays, 8:45am, Peterson Cafeteria
- Regional STEM Exhibition -- Friday January 19th
- 5th and 7th Grade Sexual Health Education in Encore -- January 22nd - 26th
- **afterHours Session 2 Begins -- January 22nd**
- Mr. Deters takes Dance-a-Thon Winners to Bryn Mawr Breakfast Club -- January 23rd
- Picture Day *Pre-K through 4th Grade* -- January 24th
- Picture Day *5th through 8th Grade* -- January 25th
- **PAC Literacy Night -- January 25th, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**
- End of Second Quarter -- February 1st
- 1st Grade Field Trip to See a Play at the Theatre School -- February 1st
- 7th and 8th Grade Dance -- February 1st, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- **No School, School Improvement Day -- February 2nd**
- 6th and 8th Grade Sexual Health Education in Encore -- February 5th through February 9th

Join us for Peterson's Annual Literacy Night



Please plan to join us for the PAC Literacy Night next Thursday, January 25, 2018, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Families are invited to share in the joy of reading through interactive activities including Bingo for Books, theme rooms, book read alouds (also in Arabic and Spanish), crafts, applying for a library card, author talks, story workshops, and more! All are invited to wear costumes based on their favorite book characters. Participants will get a prize, including a special prize for the best costume. Dinner will be served from 5:00pm to 5:30pm with activities beginning afterwards. Please bring children's books you no longer need for our Book Swap; all are welcome to take books with them. Please enter the school through the cafeteria doors. *Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult.*

LSC Elections

Are you interested in joining Peterson's Local School Council? LSC members play a vital role in decision-making at the local school level, thereby ensuring a quality education for all of the school's students. All parents, community members and school staff members who want to strengthen their local schools and have a positive impact on student achievement are encouraged to run. No experience or formal education is required.

The 2018 local school council elections will take place on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. The term is for two years starting on July 1, 2018.

To apply, please review the flyer included with this week's newsletter.

Parent Feedback PAC Meeting

Do you have feedback about how Peterson is living its vision for kids and what changes might be needed in order to better accomplish the vision for all kids? Come and share your thoughts as we begin the strategic planning process (CIWP) for the school. In addition, find out more about what the LSC (Local School Council) does and the upcoming election.

Who: All Peterson Parents & Caregivers

What: PAC Meeting

When: Wednesday, January 24th at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Peterson School Cafeteria

Why: To eat a delicious breakfast and share your ideas with other parents and administrators. Note that LSC applications are due by March 2nd.